ABSTRACT:

        The invention relates to the processing of video signals prior to encoding or
other compression operations, and, more particularly, to a method for encoding video signals
corresponding to a sequence of frames each of which consists of two fields F1 and F2. The
proposed method comprises the steps of receiving successive frames of an input video signal
and delaying them with at least a "two fields" duration delay, and detecting any dominance
change and adjusting said delay. When a change from an F1 dominance to an F2 dominance
is detected, the first field of the first F2 dominant frame is suppressed, and said delay is
decreased by a quantity equal to "one field" duration ; when a change from an F2 dominance
to an F1 dominance is detected, the last field of the last F2 dominant frame is repeated, and
the delay is further increased by a quantity equal to "one field" duration.

        The invention also relates to a method for encoding a sequence of frames
including either video-type images or film-type images, and to an encoding system that
carries out said method by incorporating the first solution hereinabove presented. If a
sequence of film-type is detected, the inverse 3:2 pull-down technique is applied on the input
frames, while in the opposite case, said technique is de-activated and replaced by said first
solution : preprocessing according to the type of dominance change.

Fig. 6

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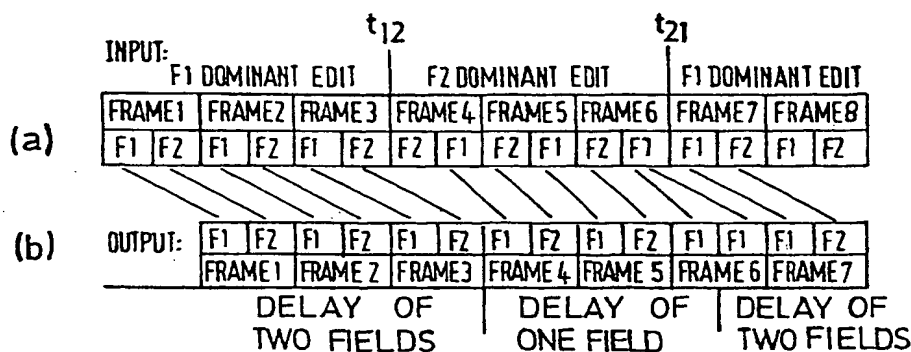(72) Inventors; and
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